

What is claimed is:

1. A tampon for feminine hygiene comprising an insertion end, a withdrawal end, a longitudinal axis, and an outer surface;
said tampon being comprised of compressed fibrous material;
wherein said outer surface of said tampon comprises a plurality of raised portions;
each of said raised portions comprising a first width dimension x and a second width dimension y;
wherein said first width dimension x is greater than said second width dimension y.
2. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said insertion end comprises said first width dimension x.
3. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said insertion end comprises said second width dimension y.
4. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are arranged in a pattern.
5. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are parallel with said longitudinal axis.
6. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said raised portions are spirally shaped.
7. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has an essentially uniform density over a cross-section of the tampon.
8. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein the fibrous material of said tampon has varying density over a cross-section of the tampon.
9. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said tampon further comprises a core which is highly compressed.
10. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a withdrawal member.

11. The tampon according to Claim 1 wherein said withdrawal end further comprises a finger indent.